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May 2, 1952

Mr. Loftus E. Becker  
Deputy Director/Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Lofty:

Reference is made to my memorandum to you of February 14, 1952, and your letter to me of March 5, 1952, having to do with a request for certain CIA fiscal information.

As you know, following your letter, we drafted a report in which certain fiscal references were included which you considered objectionable. We discussed this on the telephone, and I told you that we would reexamine the report and see if we could work out some amendments which would eliminate your objections. Such reexamination, however, has made us feel that the references in question are an essential part of the report and that we are consequently faced with either scrapping the report or submitting it with the references. I am enclosing a short memo dated April 29, 1952, [redacted] to myself -- Subject: "Report on Social Science Research" -- which spells out briefly some of the reasons underlying this conclusion.

As I have told you, only a few people on our Staff, plus Allen Dulles, and yourself, have seen the report to date. Some of the conclusions, however, have been discussed on hypothetical figures with various Government and Foundation people who are in this field of research and who are familiar with many of the various Government projects. The ideas were so well received that we feel justified in wanting to place the report before individuals who are in a position to do something about it. Our main desire, of course, is to submit it for PSB consideration.

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I wonder if it would not meet your objections to limit the distribution to Board Members, plus one individual for each Board Member who could study the report in detail for purposes of briefing the Board Member. It would seem to me that a group as limited as this and as carefully selected should cause no worry, while it would give us the opportunity to submit to the proper people carefully prepared conclusions on what we believe to be an important subject.

I will, of course, be glad to discuss this with you at any time if you would like to do so.

Best regards,

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Acting Director

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April 29, 1952

MEMORANDUM

TO: [REDACTED] 25X1A  
FROM: [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: Report on Social Science Research

1. The purpose of the report was to study the social science research effort supported by the Government which was of potential value to cold war operations, and to answer, at a minimum, the following questions:

- a. What contribution was research making at present to planning and operations?
- b. What was the potential contribution?
- c. How could the usefulness of the present contribution be increased?

2. In order to answer these three questions, the following facts had to be determined at a minimum:

- a. What was the magnitude of the effort?
- b. What was the number and relative magnitude of the federal agencies and organizations involved?
- c. How did the information travel
  - i. between research organizations
  - ii. between research and planning organizations?
- d. What were the problems generally encountered?

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the questions listed under paragraph 2 cannot be meaningfully answered without including the CIA contribution. In turn, the questions raised in paragraph 1 cannot be discussed without knowing the answers to the paragraph 2 questions. I, therefore, believe that the report is meaningless without the CIA information.

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